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Subject: PER YOUR REQUEST

I SPECIFICALLY REQUEST THIS EMAIL INFORMATION BE POSTED ON THE BIOSOLIDS EXPERT PANEL WEBSITE AS SUBMITTED.

Following your request, via email 2-01-08, to delete any Foster children's specific health and or illness references from the listed email sent previously, I am submitting the following for posting on DEQ's website as published policy.

Respectfully,

CW

Subj: SLUDGE APPLICATION IN PAMPLIN, VA

To All:

I was contacted re the occurrence of applying sludge in Pamplin, VA. Mr. Paul Foster had exhausted his search for someone to assist in his children's XXXXXX issues re being XXXXXX to sludge pollution constituents, i.e., he was not contacted as an adjacent property owner; he became aware of the pending application, ranging from 300 yd. to 1/4 mile because he accidentally noticed a sign.

However, the "sign" contained inaccurate contact information; his calls to VDH were not returned; upon contacting DEQ he was told that "nothing could be done" as this was a legal permit, even though he had forwarded his children's XXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXX as signed by the attending physicians (locally and UVA).; He was also advised by Mr. Zahradka that Nutri-Blend's permit was valid and that DEQ will not change former VDH permits that have been issued.

Additionally, DEQ stated that Mr. Foster could visit the site and discuss his children's XXXXXX with a Nutri-Blend representative. When he went to the site, he was told that the application could not be stopped unless he was willing to pay for the transportation and associated sludge costs. The application commenced with knowledge of the Foster children's XXXXXX issues.

The XXXXXX issues of the children: A. 3-1/2 year old boy, XXXX XXXXXXXX, has a history of XXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXX and very susceptible to XXX XXXXXXXX. The child contracts XXXXXXXXXX every year and has had an XXXXXX this year. Last XXXXXXXXXXXX visit was on January 23, 2008. B. Second son is 8 months of age, also on XXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXX XXXXXXXX.

Mr. Zahradka, DEQ Biosolids Manager, later called Mr. Foster and informed him that the application was done but there will be no other application, presently, near his home. There is no intent to remove the applied sludge pollution regardless of the children's welfare and XXXXXX.

As an informed taxpayer citizen having been asked and voluntarily serving the Commonwealth for several years, I am calling for a formal investigation in this matter.

Answers must come forth to explain why DEQ, VDH, the landowner and the Applicator of sludge pollution would put XXXXXX children in harms way? What persistence is there to put business interest before a child's life, safety, XXXXXX and welfare? Why has the Commissioner of Health not fulfilled her responsibility and obligation? Why has the SHHR not represented the concerned citizen's interest in this matter?

BUR 12 VAC 5-585-260: "the commissioner may impose standards and requirements which are more stringent than those contained in Part II of this chapter when required to protect public health or prevent nuisance conditions from developing either within critical areas, or when special conditions develop prior to or during biosolids use operations." (emphasis added)

12 VAC 5-585-460: "Relevant concerns of adjacent landowners will be considered in the evaluation of site suitability." Mr. Foster was never contacted during the permitting process, therefore denied his rights as a protective father and citizen.

12 VAC 5-585-470-B: "Municipal wastewater or sewage is neither excluded nor specifically listed as hazardous waste."

Virginia General Assembly: "Where, because of site-specific conditions identified during the permit application review process, the Department [VDH] determines that special requirements are necessary to protect the environment or the health, safety and welfare of persons residing in the vicinity of a proposed land application site, the Department [VDH transferred to DEQ] may incorporate in the permit at the time it is issued reasonable special; conditions regarding buffering.....the Department shall provide written notice to permit applicant, specifying the reasons therefore and identifying the site-specific conditions..." Again, the citizens are not contacted therefore denied their input for site specific conditions.

DISCOVERED VDH MEMO: "However, residents of such dwelling [sludge pollution application sites] must be in good health and not suffer from any medical condition such as asthma, or be sensitized by prescribed medication, such that their health would be adversely affected by aerosols or odors that may result from land applications."

12 VAC 5-585-550C: "Municipal biosolids can contain synthetic organic chemicals from industrial wastewater contributors and disposal household chemicals and pesticides."

EPA: "BACTERIA OF MINOR CONCERN ARE OPPORTUNISTS PATHOGENS THAT CAUSE DISEASE ONLY IN DEBILITATED OR IMMUNOLOGICALLY COMPROMISED INDIVIDUALS."

Department of Public Health & Homeland Security, Campus of the University of Toledo, OH: "Results revealed that some reported health-related symptoms were statistically significantly elevated among the exposed residents, including excessive secretion of tears, abdominal bloating, jaundice, skin ulcer, dehydration, weight loss, and general weakness. The frequency of reported bronchitis, upper respiratory infection, and giardiasis were also statistically significantly elevated. The findings suggest an increase risk for certain respiratory, gastrointestinal, and other diseases among residents living near farm fields on which the use of biosolids was permitted."

*USERS OF SLUDGE POLLUTION NOR THE EXPOSED PUBLIC ARE GIVEN ANY RISK LIST OR NOTIFICATION FROM VDH, DEQ, APPLICATORS OR WASTE INDUSTRY ASSOCIATES!

Answers must come forth as to why the Commonwealth and sludge pollution applicators will willingly and knowingly put a child's life, **XXXXXX**, safety and welfare in jeopardy? There must be an investigation in this matter and the results must be published!

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST